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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
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Zhou et al. ) Examiner: To be Determined  
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Application No.: To be Determined ) Art Unit: To be Determined  
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Filed: Herewith )  
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For: INDIVIDUALLY ADDRESSABLE )  
MICRO-ELECTROMAGNETIC UNIT )  
ARRAY CHIPS )  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir,

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NUMBER 1**

Prior to examination, please amend the application as provided below:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1 through 40. Accordingly, claims 41 through 66 are pending upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, please delete the first paragraph that reads as follows:

a' -- The present application is based on People's Republic of China Application No. 99104113.5 entitled "Individually Addressable Micro-Electromagnetic Unit Array Chips, Electromagnetic Biochips and Their Applications," filed on March 15, 1999 and on an amended version of that application filed on September 16, 1999 and claims priority from these applications which are incorporated herein by reference. --